

# Mary River cod Regulations

Fishing of any kind is not permitted on Obi Obi Creek from Baroon Pocket Dam to Crossing No. 4 as well as in two areas of the Tinana-Coondoo Creek system.

Closed season: 1 September to 30 November in all Queensland non-tidal waters (including stocked impoundments). During open season, Mary River cod is a no take species if captured outside of the stocked impoundments listed below:

Upstream of the walls of Cressbrook, Hinze, Maroon, Moogerah, North Pine, Somerset and Wivenhoe Dams and lakes Dyer (Bill Gunn dam) and Clarendon.

## Pest fish

The introduction of pest fish often leads to the reduction of local native fish. This is because the pest fish compete with native fish for food and space. They may also be aggressive, cause habitat disturbance and introduce diseases, which the native fish are not used to.

## Pest fish species

Banded grunter	Platy
Carp*	Sooty grunter
Gambusia*	Sword tail
Ornamental goldfish	Tilapia*

\*Restricted noxious fish under the Biosecurity Act 2014 must not be kept, fed, given away, sold, or released into the environment without a permit.

We are obligated to minimise the risks associated with other pest fish species.

## Fish Suppliers

Local fish are available from:

- Licensed local fish hatcheries and aquariums (ensure you keep a receipt as proof of purchase for regulated species). Below is a list of local hatcheries:
  - Sunland FW Fish Hatchery
  - Redclaw Aquatica
  - Suncoast Native Fish
- Local councils (some local councils breed and supply native fish)
- The wild (if collecting local fish from the wild ensure you comply with possession limits and equipment standards. Refer to <https://www.daff.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/fisheries/recreational/rules-regulations> for more information.

Mary River cod fingerlings are seasonally available from HinterNoosa Hatchery.  
m: 0407 126 256  
[darren@hinternoozahatchery.com.au](mailto:darren@hinternoozahatchery.com.au)

## Websites

Department of Agriculture & Fisheries  
<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/boating-fishing/rec-fishing/dams/stocking>

Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee:  
[www.mrccc.org.au](http://www.mrccc.org.au)

MRCCC Resource Centre:  
25 Stewart Terrace, Gympie 4570  
PO Box 1027, Gympie 4570  
p: (07) 5482 4766  
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# Releasing Native Fish



## in South-east Queensland

- dams and ponds
- for mosquito control

Information compiled from DAFF brochures



## Choosing a Species

Native fish that occur naturally in your area are the best choice for release as they are non-invasive. Exotic fish may escape and threaten local fish populations.

Under no circumstances, even if they occur in your area, should noxious fish such as carp (including koi), tilapia or gambusia be used, as heavy penalties apply.

A permit is not required to stock your dam or pond with local fish that occur naturally in your area. Local fish are available through hatcheries listed on the back of this brochure.

## Mosquito Control

The majority of small native fish will eat mosquito larvae (see 'Small species' image panel), however some are more effective; Crimson-spotted rainbowfish and Firetail gudgeons are voracious predators of mosquito larvae.

In ornamental ponds with frog tadpoles, Pacific blue-eyes are recommended.

## Species Suitable for Farm Dams

- Australian bass
- Barramundi (Southeast coast stock)
- Eel-tailed catfish
- Mary River cod
- Silver perch

## Small Species



AGASSIZ'S GLASSFISH  
*Ambassis agassizii*



PURPLE-SPOTTED GUDGEON  
*Mournda adspersa*



EMPIRE GUDGEON  
*Hypseleotris compressa*



PACIFIC BLUE-EYE  
*Pseudomugil signifer*



DUBOULAY'S RAINBOWFISH  
*Melanotaenia duboulayi*



ORNATE RAINBOWFISH  
*Rhadinocestrus ornatus*



FLY-SPECKLED HARDYHEAD  
*Craterocephalus stercusmuscarum fulvus*



MARJORIE'S HARDYHEAD  
*Craterocephalus marjoriae*



FIRETAIL GUDGEON  
*Hypseleotris galii*



BUG-EYED GOBY  
*Redigobius bikolanus*

## Medium-large Species



EEL-TAILED CATFISH  
*Tandanus tandanus*



GOLDEN PERCH (YELLOWBELLY)  
*Macquaria ambigua*



MARY RIVER COD  
*Maccullochella peelii mariensis*



SILVER PERCH  
*Bidyanus bidyanus*